Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph **[0004]** with the following amended paragraph:

]0004] Fig. 6 illustrates an example of such a suspension system. In the drawings, 200 denotes a tire, and 202 a control arm having fixing bores 204 disposed at bifurcated front and rear end portions thereof, with a rubber bushing 206 secured press-fit into one of the fixing bores 204 (i.e., the front one). A rubber bushing 206 has an outer metallic sleeve 210, an inner metallic sleeve 212, and a rubber elastic body 214 interposed therebetween, elastically connecting the inner and outer sleeves 210, 212. This rubber bushing 206 is press fitted at its outer sleeve 210 into the fixing bore 204, and at its inner sleeve 212 is linked to the vehicle body. It is noted that the rubber ~~busing~~ bushing 206 is employed in a horizontal mounting in which a bushing axis is oriented on the horizontal (front-back orientation).

Please replace paragraph **[0005]** with the following amended paragraph:

[0005] In contrast to the aforesaid conventional arrangement, there has in recent years been research into the use of a vertical mount rubber bushing 208 in which the bushing axis is oriented vertically, as the rubber bushing on the other fixing bore 204 (i.e., the back one). In the case of the vertical mount rubber bushing 208, both of the outer and inner sleeves 210, 212 are oriented vertically, the two being elastically connected by means of the rubber elastic body 214. The fixing bore 204 is also oriented vertically so that the rubber bushing 208 is press fitted therein.

Please replace paragraph **[0024]** with the following amended paragraph:

[0024] (4) A suspension rubber ~~busing~~bushing according to the above-mentioned mode (3), wherein, as viewed in vertical cross section in the first direction, the inner sleeve includes a projection formed at the axially center portion thereof so as to protrude in opposite radially outward directions, and the inner bonding surface of the rubber elastic body is bonded to the projection such that the projection is embedded within an radially inner portion of the rubber elastic body. This arrangement effectively increasing an area of the inner bonding surface of the rubber elastic body, at which the rubber elastic body is bonded to the inner sleeve, making it possible to reduce local stress concentration at the bonding interface between the inner sleeve and the rubber elastic body, leading to further enhanced durability of the rubber elastic body.